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June 26, 2000

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Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Rocanville/Wing Joint Venture, Rich Gulch Project, S/027/088, Millard County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and initial permit application fee, received by the Division on June 9, 2000. The application for the proposed Rich Gulch Project, located in the NE1/4 of Section 24, T17S, R13W, SLBM, Millard County, Utah *is now considered complete and in effect*. No additional information is required by the Division at this time. *You may now commence operations as outlined in your notice, provided you have obtained written approval from the BLM to proceed on federally managed lands.* Approval by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Before conducting mining operations on these lands, the operator must provide written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the appropriate agency.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 [40-8-7(I)] provides the authority for fee implementation which was approved by the Utah Legislature at its 1998 session. Commencing July 1, 1998, the fees are assessed to new and existing notices of intention, and annually thereafter. Small Mining Notices require a \$100.00 annual fee. It is the Division policy that fee payments received within 45 days of the Division's next fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), will be credited toward that new year. You should not receive a billing in July. If you do receive a billing in error, please contact Joelle Burns at 538-5291 so it can be corrected.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

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Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Munson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Munson
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: MR-SMO summary
cc: Sheri Wysong, BLM, Fillmore FO
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